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FIRE AT BEN FICKLIN

Residence and Barn of N. L. Sterling Destroyed by Fire Early Thursday Morning.

About 2:00 a. m. Thursday morning, the residence and barn of N. L. Sterling at Ben Ficklin, 4 miles south of town, burned to the ground.

Mr. Sterling stated that the only thing he could ascribe the fire to was that there remained some fire in the fire place when he retired, and on awakening, just had time to escape from the burning building. No furniture was saved.

The wind was blowing in such a direction that the barn was right in the path of the fire and it too was destroyed. The stock, however, escaped injury.

Insurance to the amount of \$1000 was carried on the residence, \$200 on furniture and \$200 on the barn. Mr. Sterling valued the entire outfit at \$2500.

This was indeed a large fire, lighting up the sky in that direction and was plainly seen from San Angelo.

Hold Your Cotton.

C. B. (Farmer) Metcalfe, in a letter recently published in the Texas Farm and Ranch, has the following to say about the way to get cotton back to its former satisfactory condition of prices:

"Millions of bales of futures have been sold for less than 8 cents. All the farmers now have to do is hold.

"Last year Mr. Brown bought every bale offered him. He then held it and named the price, regardless of the size of the crop.

"By standing together from now till next July and putting a selling price of 10 cents as a minimum, we can get it, because intrinsically that is a low value for cotton, and the bears have gone mad and sold millions of bales in excess of any possible crop.

"As soon as we stop the port receipts the bears will begin to buy, and when they buy it must be of some one who has to sell. Evidently in this case the farmers are going to be the men who have it, for they have not sold more than a portion of their crops. The bankers and merchants are ready to stand with us and the farmers are going to hold.

"We are the only people on earth with a natural monopoly who sit down and let those who must have our product name the figure. We will now proceed to put a selling price on our stuff and sit down and wait till some one wants it enough to pay for it. In this instance it will not only be the bears who will want it badly.

"Let us 'Hold our Cotton!'"

That Serial Story.

So many people are commenting on the interesting features of the Press' serial story, "The Filigree Ball," that the Press can but ask: "are you reading it?" It possesses entertaining points for others and if you are not reading it you are missing just that much. Copies of previous installments can be had at this office.

W. M. Lockhart, manager of the Singer Sewing Machine agency here, went to Coleman Friday on business.

The Santa Fe baggage master refuses to accept baggage for checking within five minutes prior to the departure of trains.

E. W. Loftin left Saturday for Marlin, where he goes to try the healing qualities of the hot wells for rheumatism, from which he is suffering considerably.

The New Bank Building.

Work on the new First National Bank building is being rapidly pushed. A good portion of the stone work has been done and a proportionate amount of the frame work as well. The latter has been done so systematically that it is thought that the work will not be delayed a bit for one to wait upon the other. The building when completed will be the most distinct of any in the city, in point of architectural beauty and will be a great credit to the city. There is no bank building in any town in Texas the size of San Angelo to compare with it. Only the very finest of brick and the best of pure white stone is used in it and the wood work will be of the very finest. The foundation goes to solid flint rock upon which rests the very large vault which is divided into two compartments. The building will be very substantial as well as ornamental and San Angelo has every reason to be proud of the structure. On the inside the building will be finished in the very finest of hard wood. The furniture will be in keeping with the very fine appearance of the building. The lobby will have a tiled floor and the glass in the front doors and windows will be of the best plate. The arrangement on the inside will be something like the old way with the exception of the entrance which will be a front one instead of a corner entrance. The new arrangement provides for more working room than before afforded and the room will be more comfortable because of the southern exposure. A pretty lawn will be had on the south side of the building and a basement for storing old papers, fuel and such things will be had.

The First National Bank, when it occupies its new quarters will have a most comfortable and luxurious home, the equal of which is not to be found in any city outside of the larger cities and not so very many there.

Mexican Masquerade.

The first Mexican masquerade ever attempted in Alpine was given at the courthouse Monday night and among the spectators were many Americans. It differed from the other masquerades in the costumes of the participants, both male and female being exactly alike—a white robe enveloping the body from neck to feet, bound at the waist with a cinch, a pointed white cap covering the head and neck and a papier-mache mask. There was no way of judging the sex of a dancer except the stature, and this was deceptive, as several of the gay Lotharios found when the unmasking came. We noted in particular one tall graceful gallant whose amorous arms encircled a slighter partner look lovingly into the upturned face as the visor was removed and lo! he was hugging a boy. The arms dropped limp and as he walked rapidly away, the expression of disgust on his countenance was a study for a painter.—Alpine Avalanche

Grover Kirk arrived Friday from Brady on a visit to his parents.

Cicero Smith, the big lumber merchant, left on his return to Mineral Wells, Friday.

Miss Sue West arrived Monday from New York city, where she visited her sister during the holidays.

R. D. Hall came in from Ballinger Saturday to spend Sunday with his son, R. A. Hall and family.

WINTERS BURNED OUT.

Little Town Near Ballinger Has Its Entire Business Section Destroyed By Fire.

Ballinger, Texas, Jan. 9.—A fire at Winters nearly destroyed the entire business portion of the town.

Winters is a little town 18 miles north of Ballinger. The loss from fire is very heavy.

Jarmon & King, general merchandise stock, loss \$8000; insurance, \$3000.

Dale & Smiley, general merchandise, \$7000; insurance \$3000.

T. E. Moore, general merchandise, loss \$300; no insurance.

Meeks Bros., confectionary, no insurance, loss \$1100.

Meeks & White, real estate, loss \$150; no insurance.

F. Pearce, general merchandise, damage from moving, \$500; fully covered by insurance.

Murray & Bedford, hardware, loss from moving, \$500; covered by insurance.

The fire originated in the warehouse of Dale & Smiley.

Santa Fe Bond Issue Opposed.

Boston, Jan. 10.—Several stockholders in the Atchinson, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad held a meeting here Friday and voted to withhold their proxies and defeat the proposed issues of \$50,000,000 bonds which President Ripley plans.

There was considerable discussion upon the rebate given by the company and the question was raised whether the company was to be called upon to repay the \$400,000. It was agreed to ask stockholders in other cities to cooperate.

Miss Margaret Spence arrived Thursday from Austin, to attend the twentieth wedding anniversary reception, given by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Spence, Friday night.

Cicero Smith arrived Thursday from Mineral Wells on a business visit of a few days to the Smith & Robertson lumber firm, of which he is senior partner.

C. K. Lee, chief attorney for the G. & S. F. Ry. Co. in this state, returned to Fort Worth Friday.

COLE FOUND GUILTY.

Gets Six Years in Penitentiary for Murder of C. C. Hudson.

Brownwood, Texas, Jan. 10 '04.—Shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon the jury in the Sam Cole case returned a verdict of guilty and his punishment at six years confinement in the penitentiary. Cole was brought in to court by Jailor L. Patton to hear the verdict. He listened to the reading of the verdict without a change of expression on his face. When Judge Goodwin discharged the jury Cole turned to the jailor and started off for the jail. On his way down stairs he was asked by a reporter what his next step would be and he replied that he would make application for a new trial.

This is perhaps the end of this famous case so far as Brown county is concerned, for in event of a new trial it will likely be granted on change of venue.

Attorneys in the Sam Cole murder case have filed a motion with Judge Goodwin for a new trial. Time for hearing the motion has not yet been set.

Newspaper Changes.

D. M. West has sold the Southwest Texan to Archie Cochran. Mr. West has made a success of the Texan since establishing it at Ozona a few years ago. He is now looking for other and larger fields to pursue his journalistic career and may come to San Angelo to establish a third paper. Should he decide to do so no one in San Angelo would accord him a more hearty welcome nor entertain more sincere wishes for the success of his venture than The Press.

The Del Rio Record-News has been sold to Huffman & Nanney, proprietors of the Val Verde County Herald. The two papers will be consolidated under the name of the Val Verde County Herald and "Record-News." The new paper will be issued from the old office of the Record-News which property was included in the deal.

Mrs. Bert Snyder returned from Robert Lee Wednesday where she has been on an extended visit to friends and relatives.

Abilene-Coleman Railroad.

The Fort Worth Record says: A. A. Kirby of Abilene was in Ft. Worth Saturday looking after his "fences." Mr. Kirby is in the race for associate justice of the court of civil appeals for the second judicial district of Texas.

"The citizens of Abilene have just sent to headquarters in New York, a contract agreed to by the Abilene people as to bonus, etc., to be given the company which proposes to build the Colorado, Texas and Mexico road into that city," said Judge Kirby.

He says the project is being pushed by an eastern company through Colonel Locke, and the impression prevails that some of the big railway systems are backing the enterprise, presumably the Missouri, Kansas and Texas. Abilene has raised \$80,000 cash and arranged for right of way through the county in addition to depot and terminal grounds at Abilene.

The road has been graded through the town of Abilene. The line is projected to run from Red river via Abilene to the Rio Grande and eventually to the Gulf of Mexico.

Iron County Items.

Iron County Record.

Dr. Williams has rented the Nick Branch store and will open a drug store at once. The Dr. will also practice his profession here. He comes here from San Angelo highly recommended as a Dr. and a gentleman. The Record welcomes Dr. Williams to our town.

Mrs. Cliff Fokes and children are visiting Judge Fokes and family.

M. L. Mertz, of San Angelo, was here Saturday.

Guy O. Wood, of the Landon National Bank of San Angelo, spent Christmas with home folks.

Miss Lavonia Brown, of San Angelo, visited Sherwood friends this week.

W. W. Carson, Mabry Norrell, Roy Lewis and Frank Kester, attended the Odd Fellows' lodge at San Angelo last Tuesday.

Miss Bessie Whitfield left Saturday for Comanche on a visit to relatives. She expects to go on to college from there, and will return to San Angelo in June.

Mrs. Jeff Woodward and family who have been on a visit to S. L. Ogle and family, returned to their home at Ballinger Saturday.

Phoenix Findlater's Phoenix
(DRY POWDER)

Fire Extinguisher

When Will Your Turn Come

Fires come when, where and how least expected, but with my simple, practical, efficient Fire Extinguisher at hand, anyone—man, woman or child, can easily conquer a fire at the beginning. The extinguisher is always ready, requires no attention whatever, contains no liquid chemicals, which do as much damage as fire, needs no recharging. It is ornamental, and can be placed in your parlor; takes up no valuable space. In grappling with fire you are independent of Water Supply. It is simply a dry powder contained in a tube and hung upon a nail. It is indispensable in every house. Remember fire insurance won't prevent a fire or put one out. Ninety per cent of all fires are discovered at the very start; think of what five minutes are worth at such a time.

Losses by fire in the United States every year are over \$200,000,000. Over 3,000 human lives are lost annually, sixty-four dwellings are burned EVERY DAY. Fifteen hotels every week. Forty business places every month.

When Will Your Turn Come?

John Findlater, Jr.

Irrigation and Sanitary Engineering, Builders Hardware and Appliances, Household Hardware, Stoves and Heaters, Garden Tools, Windmills and Well Supplies.

O. W. Smith Convalescent.

Comanche Pioneer-Exponent.
O. W. and Autry Smith, who have been at San Angelo for a year or two are here visiting their parents. O. W. Smith has been sick with pleurisy for some time and will likely undergo an operation. As soon as possible they will go to Ft. Worth, where O. W. will take a position in the postal service and Autry will secure employment in another line of business.

The Burton-Lingo Lumber Co. recently had new swinging gates made for each entrance to their yards. These gates are found to be great time savers and as this well known concern is always to be found at the head of the procession they were therefore adopted.

Hon. J. W. Hill returned from Austin Friday.

Club Houses Versus Saloons.

A petition is in circulation asking the county commissioners to order an election for the repeal of prohibition in precinct No. 1, which includes the town of Coleman. As is well known, the Voice has always been for prohibition, but when called upon to choose between "club house" and saloons we feel like taking to the woods, as the fellow did when the preacher told him there were only two ways, one which lead to death and destruction, and the other to hell and damnation.

Arthur Evans returned from San Antonio last Wednesday but says the people in that section do not seem to want to part with their sheep. He nor Mr. J. H. Hamilton, who accompanied him, found anything in the mutton line in which they could invest their money.

A. J. BAKER, President

W. P. BAKER, Asst. Cashier.

A. J. BAKER & Co.
BANKERS.

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

DEPOSITS SOLICITED

LOANS MADE ON CONSERVATIVE BASIS.

L. Schwartz & Co.

We beg to notify the ladies of San Angelo and the country, that our

Great Midwinter Muslin Underwear Sale

Will Begin Saturday January 30,

"Never in the history of our business, have we made so large and extensive preparations as for this sale. We never had such an immense assortment of high grade garments, goods made up in the best possible manner and such a variety of styles and trimmings. All the goods we are going to show, are the products of the leading manufacturers of the United States, every garment is made under the supervision of the state inspector of the state of New York under the most approved sanitary conditions, absolutely no sweatshop work allowed.

"Our prices, as usual, are calculated for rapid selling and will prove a great deal less, than the cost of the material and the trimming would amount to, say nothing about the making, which you will find in every instance, the perfection of workmanship.

"We would respectfully ask you, to wait for this sale, it will prove an event in the merchandising of San Angelo's well known dry goods market, and will save many a weary hour of hard work on the sewing machine, without adding one farthing to the cost of your wardrobe.

L. Schwartz & Co.